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ABSTRACT

Based on the belief that the teaching and learning of language are inextricably intertwined, this book addresses the challenge of providing an integrated language arts program in the elementary and middle school level that bridges traditional instruction and thematic, whole language, or literature-based instruction. The book also presents ways to enhance basal textbooks, and several chapters have sections on fostering the involvement of parents and volunteers. Chapters in the book are: (1) Integrating the Language Arts: An Overview; (2) Language Acquisition; (3) Creating a Literate Environment; (4) Listening and Speaking; (5) Strategies and Activities for Listening and Speaking; (6) Integrating Reading and Writing; (7) Strategies and Activities for Reading and Writing; (8) Literature; (9) Viewing; (10) Handwriting; (11) Spelling; (12) Grammar and Usage; (13) Integrating the Language Arts through Thematic Units; (14) Evaluation; and (15) Classroom Management. A thematic unit on space exploration, a unit on fables for grades three and up, and a unit on tall tales for grades five and up are included; eight appendixes presenting resource lists, and an appendix discussing how to create a literate home environment are attached. (RS)

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